



# Minnesota Ag News - Small Grains Summary

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## MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT FROM 2008

Minnesota’s **SPRING WHEAT** production is estimated at 83.7 million bushels, a decrease of 17 percent, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Spring wheat yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, is down 2 bushels from 2008. Spring wheat harvested area for grain is 1.55 million acres, down 14 percent from last year.

**WINTER WHEAT** production, at 2.03 million bushels, is down 44 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2009 are 45,000 acres, down 36 percent from last year. Yield, at 45.0 bushels per acre, is down 7 bushels from 2008.

**OAT** production is estimated at 12.1 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain is 170,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2008, and the lowest harvested acreage since 1867. Yield, at 71.0 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels from last year.

**BARLEY** production of 5.0 million bushels is down 31 percent from last year. Barley harvested is 80,000 acres, down 27 percent from last year, and the lowest harvested acreage since 1875. Yield, at 62.0 bushels per acre, is down 3 bushels from 2008.

## U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2009, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 11 percent from 2008. Grain area is 50.1 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.52 billion bushels, down 18 percent; other spring wheat, 588 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 110 million bushels, up 31 percent.

**Oat** production is estimated at 93.3 million bushels, 1 percent above the August forecast and up 5 percent from last year’s record low production. Yield is estimated at a record high 67.6 bushels per acre, up 3.1 bushels from the last forecast and up 3.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields increased for most States in the western third of the country and for several Appalachian States. Harvested area, at 1.38 million acres, is 3 percent below August and 2 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

**Barley** production is estimated at 227 million bushels, 10 percent above the August forecast but 5 percent below 2008. Average yield per acre, at 72.8 bushels, is up 7.0 bushels from August and 9.2 bushels from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.57 million acres for 2009, down 2 percent from June and down 16 percent from last year. This is the second lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 3.12 million acres, is down slightly from August and 17 percent from 2008.

## MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2009 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 YIELD	2009 YIELD	2008 PRODUCTION (000)	2009 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,800	1,550	56.0	54.0	100,800	83,700
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	70	45	52.0	45.0	3,640	2,025
BARLEY (Bu)	110	80	65.0	62.0	7,150	4,960
OATS (Bu)	175	170	68.0	71.0	11,900	12,070
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,517	13,055	40.5	45.0	548,004	587,361
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	39,608	34,485	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718
BARLEY (Bu)	3,779	3,123	63.6	72.8	240,193	227,383
OATS (Bu)	1,400	1,379	63.7	67.6	89,135	93,276